

CLAIMS

1. An agent for improving a mental disorder due to cerebral dysfunction, comprising a hepatocyte growth factor.

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2. The agent according to claim 1, wherein the mental disorder is a decline in learning function.

10 3. The agent according to claim 1, wherein the mental disorder is a decline in memory function.

4. The agent according to claim 1, wherein the mental disorder is dementia.

15 5. An agent for inhibiting vascular hyperpermeability, comprising a hepatocyte growth factor.

6. The agent according to claim 5, wherein the vascular hyperpermeability is cerebrovascular hyperpermeability.

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7. A composition for improving a mental disorder due to cerebral dysfunction, comprising a hepatocyte growth factor and a pharmaceutically acceptable additive.

25 8. The composition according to claim 7, wherein the mental disorder is a decline in learning function.

9. The composition according to claim 7, wherein the mental disorder is a decline in memory function.

10. The composition according to claim 7, wherein the mental disorder is dementia.

5 11. A composition for inhibiting vascular hyperpermeability, comprising a hepatocyte growth factor and a pharmaceutically acceptable additive.

10 12. The composition according to claim 11, wherein the vascular hyperpermeability is cerebrovascular hyperpermeability.

15 13. A method of improving a mental disorder due to cerebral dysfunction, which comprises administering a hepatocyte growth factor to a mammal.

14. The method according to claim 13, wherein the mental disorder is a decline in learning function.

20 15. The method according to claim 13, wherein the mental disorder is a decline in memory function.

16. The method according to claim 13, wherein the mental disorder is dementia.

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17. A method of inhibiting vascular hyperpermeability, which comprises administering a hepatocyte growth factor to a mammal.

18. The method according to claim 17, wherein the vascular hyperpermeability is cerebrovascular hyperpermeability.

5 19. Use of a hepatocyte growth factor in producing a pharmaceutical preparation for inhibiting a mental disorder due to cerebral dysfunction.

10 20. The use according to claim 19, wherein the mental disorder is a decline in learning function.

21. The use according to claim 19, wherein the mental disorder is a decline in memory function.

15 22. The use according to claim 19, wherein the mental disorder is dementia.

23. Use of a hepatocyte growth factor in producing a pharmaceutical preparation for inhibiting vascular hyperpermeability.

20 24. The use according to claim 23, wherein the vascular hyperpermeability is cerebrovascular hyperpermeability.